

# Kit Siang held for handing out leaflets

**IPOH, Wed.** — DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang was arrested by police today for distributing leaflets opposing the declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state at the Pasir Pinji market here.

He was taken in a police car to the Ipoh district police headquarters to have his statement recorded.

The DAP stalwart was arrested by Chief Inspector Abdul Wahab Abdul Rahman while distributing the leaflets to the public after launching the "No To 929" campaign at the market about 9.40am.

Lim was later released on a RM3,000 bail at 12.40pm. However, he is required to report to the police station on July 5 to facilitate investigations under the Sedition Act.

Lim can also face charges under section 4(1)(c) of the Sedition Act 1948 which carries a fine of not more than RM5,000 or not more than three years' jail, or both.

The leaflet "No To 929" refers to the date which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made an announcement that Malaysia is an Islamic state (Sept 29, 2001).

The party, which opposes the declaration, said it was a fundamental breach of the Social Contract entered into by our founding fathers providing for the country's secular basis; and also the 1957 Merdeka Constitution that created the country as a democratic, secular, multi-religious, tolerant and progressive state.

Lim also lodged a report that he was falsely arrested.